

**Mick Gentleman MLA**

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Minister for Planning and Land Management

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Minister for Corrections

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**RESPONSE to QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 36****27 October 2023****Question No. 1487****MRS KIKKERT:** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) How many drug related incidents were recorded by ACT Policing, broken down by type of offence and drug(s) involved, between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- (2) How many individuals possessing illicit drugs were charged or fined, between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- (3) How many individuals possessing a small amount of illicit drugs that is decriminalised in the ACT, were charged or fined, between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- (4) How many individuals possessing illicit drugs were not charged or fined and instead directed to rehabilitation services, between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.
- (5) How many individuals possessing a small amount of illicit drugs that is decriminalised in the ACT were not charged or fined, between 1 January 2022 to 28 October 2023.

**MR GENTLEMAN MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Between 1 January 2022 and 28 October 2023, there were 179 drug related incidents reported to ACT Policing. Table 1A provides a breakdown by reported incident type. These incidents resulted in either a drug related offence being reported and/or a drug related charge which resulted from the incident.

<b>TABLE 1A - DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS REPORTED to ACT POLICING BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2022 AND 28 OCTOBER 2023 - BY REPORTED INCIDENT TYPE</b>	
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Check Welfare/Premises</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Community Policing - Crime Targeting</b>	<b>7</b>

Death/Fatal Accident	1
Disturbance	12
Drug Incident	49
Environmental Pollution	1
Fire	1
IMS Investigation	1
M/V Collision - Injury / Fatal	2
M/V Collision - No Injury	1
No Appropriate Code	1
Offender/S On Premises	1
Routine Assistance	2
Sexual Assault	6
SMV - Stolen Act	2
Suspicious Item (Package/Baggage)	3
Suspicious/Wanted Person	33
Suspicious/Wanted Vehicle	13
Theft	3
Traffic – Targeting	1
Traffic Incident	4
Warrants (Search)	28

*SOURCE: PROMIS as of 7 November 2023*

*Does not include Jervis Bay*

- i. Table 1B contains all drugs seized relating to the incidents reported at **Table 1A**.

<b>TABLE 1B - DRUGS SEIZED DURING DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2022 AND 28 OCTOBER 2023</b>	
1,4-Butanediol	15
Acetylcodeine	8
Alprazolam (Xanax)	3
Amphetamine	6
Benzocaine	5
Buprenorphine (Subutex, Buprenex)	10
Cannabis (Thc,Cbd)	186
Clonazepam (Klonopin)	2
Cocaine	34
Cutting Agent	1
Dexamphetamine (E.G. Adderall, Dexedrine)	1
Diazepam (Valium, Ranzepam)	10
Dimethylamphetamine	2
Dmt (N,N-Dimethyltryptamine)	1
Gbl (Gamma-Butyrolactone)	1
Ghb (Gamma-Hydroxybutyric Acid)	4
Heroin	11
Lignocaine, Lidocaine, Xylocaine	6

Lsd, Lysergide (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide)	5
Mdma (3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine)	16
Methadone	1
Methamphetamine	107
Nandrolone (Durabolin)	5
Other	7
Other - Unidentified Drug	72
Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Endone)	1
Pharmaceutical	1
Psilocin	1
Stanozolol (Winstrol)	1
Steroid (E.G. Boldenone, Oxandrolone, Hgh)	8
Tapentadol (Palexia, Nucynta)	1
Testosterone	24
THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol)	5
Tramadol (Tramal, Durotram)	2
Trenbolone	5
Unknown	9

SOURCE: PROMIS as of 7 November 2023

Does not include Jervis Bay

- Between 1 January 2022 and 28 October 2023, there were 341 apprehensions containing a drug possession related charge where the charge was not cleared by diversion or caution.

NUMBER OF APPREHENSIONS BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2022 AND 28 OCTOBER 2023 ASSOCIATED WITH A DRUG POSSESSION RELATED CHARGE - WHERE CHARGE WAS NOT CLEARED BY DIVERSION OR CAUTION	
ACT	341

SOURCE: PROMIS as of 7 November 2023

Does not include Jervis Bay

- ACT Policing is unable to provide the number of individuals possessing a 'small amount' of illicit drugs that are decriminalised in the ACT who were charged or fined. There is no way of accurately linking the drug quantities with a possession charge in the Police Real-time Online Management System (PROMIS), therefore ACT Policing is unable to ascertain if the charge was for a 'small amount' without performing a significant manual interrogation of the entire dataset.
- Between 1 January 2022 and 28 October 2023, there were 315 apprehensions containing a drug possession related charge where the charge was cleared by diversion.

NUMBER OF APPREHENSIONS BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2022 AND 28 OCTOBER 2023 ASSOCIATED WITH A DRUG POSSESSION RELATED CHARGE - WHERE CHARGE WAS CLEARED BY DIVERSION	
ACT	315

*SOURCE: PROMIS as of 7 November 2023*  
*Does not include Jervis Bay*  
*Does not include charges cleared by 'CAUTION'*

5. ACT Policing is unable to provide the number of individuals possessing a 'small amount' of illicit drugs that are decriminalised in the ACT. There is no way of accurately linking the drug quantities with a possession charge in the Police Real-time Online Management System (PROMIS), therefore ACT Policing is unable to ascertain if the charge was for a 'small amount' without performing a significant manual interrogation of the entire dataset.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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**Minister for Police and Emergency Services**

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